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ARENSMAN AND WIFE QUESTIONED

Jury Investigates A Recent Fire and An Arrest is Made

Developments of rather a startling character about the fire in the Arensman millinery parlors on the night of 7th last, have come about during the past week, and indications are that one of the most interesting cases of arson ever tried in Wise county will be threshed out before Judge McKinsey. This is a peculiar case, indeed, if credence can be given the reports that have been in circulation since Saturday night, when Mr. L. D. Arensman and his wife, the latter operating the millinery establishment when it was destroyed, were subjected to questioning by County Attorney Burch and City Marshal Lewis. The room of the county attorney was the scene of the proceedings, and it is said Mrs. Arensman was attending a lodge meeting when she was summoned to appear in the prosecuting attorney's office and tell what she knew about the fire that wrecked the store she was running. What she stated is in the hands of the county attorney.

Mr. Arensman was summoned first and it is rumored his statement was of a very startling character. Immediately following Mr. Arensman's statement, his wife was called. It is said neither witness knew of the other's appearance before the officers.

Monday afternoon Sheriff Man and Marshal Lewis arrested Mr. Arensman while he was at his work on the pipe line south of Decatur. He was brought to town where he readily made bond for his appearance before the grand jury which had been recalled to look into the case. Tuesday afternoon the man and his wife and daughter went before the jury. Immediately after the three were excused by the "silent twelve," prosecuting Attorney Burch made out a charge of arson against Mr. Arensman and delegated an officer to arrest him. Doubtless anticipating a move like that, Messrs. Ratliff and Spencer, attorneys for Mr. Arensman, had arrangements perfected for bondsmen. Giving splendid security for his appearance in trial, he was released from custody.

The report is afloat that Mr. Arensman acknowledged to firing some papers in the room where the firemen discovered the fire. It is said this alleged "confession" will be contested and fought out by the attorneys of Mr. Arensman on the grounds that the man was coerced and frightened into signing a statement that was untrue.

The defendant in this case is a quiet and unassuming man; a hard worker and a fellow who has borne a splendid reputation for honesty and fair-dealing among those with whom he came in contact. For more than a year he has been pipe line inspector between Decatur and Rhame, and it is said he was recognized by the company as one of its most trusted employees. This being the man's standing among the people who know him they were startled to learn he had been charged with such a serious offense.

Rumors and reports have been rife concerning the affair, one of which is to the effect that if Mr. Arensman is implicated in the burning of the millinery establishment, he is in the attitude of a tool in the hands of others. Another report is to the effect that he was not in town when the fire was discovered. And then, there is the rumor of a "confession."

The Arensman millinery establishment was conducted by Mrs. L. D. Arensman, assisted by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Arensman, a young lady about 17 years of age, a step-daughter of Mr. Arensman. These ladies have been running the business for several months. They occupied two rooms above the Blankenship store, on the north of the public square. The front room was used as a salesroom where the stock was displayed. The rear room was used for a storage and assembling place for waste paper, etc. In this rear room the fire was discovered at 11:15 Friday night, June 7, when the fireman broke open the door.

A magnificent piece of work was done by the local fire boys in extinguishing the flames. The waterworks and electric light plants were out of commission that night, and had it not been for the splendid supply of water in the tower, Decatur would have suffered a fire loss that would have been staggering. In all probability a number of lives would have been lost.

Dick Holley Dies at Olney

H. D., better known to his hundreds of friends in this town and community as "Dick" Holley, died at his home in Olney, Thursday, June 17. The body was taken to Wichita Falls and interred by the side of the little daughter who died in 1907. Dick with his wife and child had been residing in Olney for some time.

Dick Holley was a most likable fellow and he numbered his friends here by the score. He was at all times friendly and a man easily approached. He was honorable in his dealings, true to his friends, a good husband, and this above all—he was one of the most devoted sons that ever laid claim to a good mother. Too many, after they reach man's estate, neglect in a measure, the mother; they seem forgetful of the trials and tribulations she confronted in rearing the son. But those who were intimately acquainted with the home-life of Dick Holley can say he was one of the best sons a mother ever had. Surviving the deceased are his wife and daughter, Myrtle, 6 years of age, a mother, Mrs. H. M. Holley, brother A. E. Holley, sisters Miss Valley Holley, Mrs. W. H. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Mrs. R. P. Webb of Henrietta, and Mrs. W. F. Watson of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved ones in the loss of this good husband and father and splendid son and brother.

Good Lawyers Pool Interests

Former County Attorney L. D. Ratliff and Representative Fréché Spencer have formed a law partnership with offices above the Decatur Land, Loan & Abstract Company. This is one of the strongest law firms in this section of the state and with the pooling of their business the gentlemen will be kept busy. The senior member of the firm, L. D. Ratliff, served this county as state's attorney for four years and his record stands out as one of the best ever made by any prosecuting attorney serving Wise county. After leaving the office Mr. Ratliff went into the practice and "made good" from the start, and today he enjoys a large and growing practice. Mr. Spencer, learned in the law, is rapidly making a reputation as one of the best. He is a close student, possessing an analytical mind, and his persuasive logic and ability as a speaker are strong assets before a jury. The new firm is Ratliff & Spencer. Both are high-toned christian gentlemen and well deserve the splendid success they have attained.

Automobilists, operating freak whistles, are "in bad" with the people and city authorities. A number of complaints are to be made if the practice of "tooting 'em up" along the streets is not stopped.

The evils of scandal and gossip will be vividly portrayed at the Majestic Tuesday night.

HALSELL IN BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Father-in-Law Seeks More Than \$25,000—Trouble of Long Standing

The \$25,500 damage suit of Fred B. Frank, a bridge contractor, against Claude E. Halsell, his son-in-law, and owner of the Lyceum Theater, holds the story of a family feud. The complaint filed yesterday by Attorneys Shafer and Sproul, alleges that Mr. Frank was falsely charged with the theft of Mrs. Halsell's diamonds, valued at \$1500, and that his arrest in San Francisco on a charge of grand larceny was malicious.

Mr. Frank was bound over to the Superior Court by Justice Forbes at the preliminary examination April 16 last. Subsequently the complaint was dismissed by the district attorney. In addition to the humiliation of being charged with the theft and the ignominy of being placed under arrest, Mr. Frank states that detectives of the Citizens' Agency beat him up while he was under bond. An action for assault will be filed against the detectives, he says.

Mr. Frank married the mother of Mrs. Halsell and divorced her in Leavenworth, Kan., two years ago. He asserts that this engendered feeling in his wife's family which resulted in the diamond episode. He is constructing a bridge at St. Thomas, Nev., for the Midland Bridge Co. of Kansas City.—Los Angeles, Call, Times, June 18, 1915.

The defendant in the above suit is an old Decatur boy. He is a son of the lamented R. K. Halsell and a nephew of Mrs. Dan Waggoner, one of the state's richest citizens. Since going to California, C. E. has accumulated considerable wealth.

Crops Fine in This Section

The Decatur grain market is in the class of the best markets in the state. Wheat and oats are selling here at the top-notch prices with steady demands and a supply that puts the "short crop" complaint down and out. Present indications point to one of the best wheat and oats crops this county has produced in years. The Bennett farm south of Decatur has produced 60 bushels of oats per acre. Jim Mecaskey is garnering 22 bushels of wheat per acre and his oat crop will run into the thousands of bushels. On the Milligan farms northeast of Decatur bumper crops of wheat and oats are reported. The Renshaws, Caraways, Wilkins, and others who "played up" these particular crops have been rewarded abundantly. The Lillards, Malcolms, Stevenson, Boyd and all others in that section have produced the best crops in years. The grade is reported good, much of wheat weighing out near the No. 1 standard. The Hoyl farms will fall below the general average of the fields mentioned above, but the banner crops of years will be produced. This (Thursday) afternoon the following prices rule in Decatur:

Wheat, on No. 2 grade basis, from wagons, per bushel..... 95c
Oats, per bushel..... 31c

Going to Pen Without Escort

Mr. Bunker, enroute to Rusk, stopped over here Tuesday to see his friend, Attorney Frank J. Ford. It was stated that Mr. Bunker was recently sentenced from a county in the panhandle to serve a prison term at Rusk, and he was on his way when he stopped over here. He was not accompanied by an officer.

County Judge Walker has inspected some of damage wrought by the recent heavy rains and overflows in the Sandy community west of town, and he says that the bridges to replace those destroyed will be more substantial than any ever built in that section. Commissioner Spiawn has a road crew at work.

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Baptists Hold Good Meeting

The North Texas Baptist conference held a very interesting and successful session here last week. Ten counties were represented and two days were spent in timely discussions and planning for the work of the denomination in this district and in furthering the work of Decatur Baptist college.

The conference recommended that a permanent Bible conference be held at Decatur every year, beginning on Monday after the annual commencement exercises of Decatur Baptist college, beginning with the year 1916.

The representatives present also pledged themselves to an evangelistic campaign in which it is proposed to gain 5000 new members to the church during the next year.

The conference voted unanimously to take up the work of improving the college property at once and proceed as far as the funds available will permit.

The conference also recommended that the administration building of the college be re-furnished throughout before the opening next September. This will include new seats, desks and lights, and the cost will be approximately \$1500.

Decatur college has had a good year financially as well as educationally. The receipts and disbursements on account of the operation of the school have been about \$15,000, and the money received for tuition and board of pupils came within \$500 of paying all expenses. This is said to have been a record not equaled by any state or church school of whatever kind or name in Texas this year.

The outlook for the college, as expressed by the visitors, is one of the best in the school's history. Realizing the importance of the school and the advantages it offers for christian education, the Baptists of this district are working for the school in every possible way, and the next year will doubtless show a large increase in attendance.

Old Case in Court, 4 Trials

Joe Mitthum against the Go, Rock Island & Gulf has been in court this week. A new case that while he was and on the railway company as a store of kind of a section crew he communicated in from which he has suitor is that Mitthum's back is in from doing with the wo, and he alleges the in-suits new ayed by a fall on the ds and fre while trying to lift a hout all of the track as a train was tions. It is this case has been in ast school several years, and at as the switch plaintiff was given a telephone ex-00. It was taken to central' for the and reversed. Mo- of new ideas, are representing ash knowledge, any. Messrs. Cars- Fort Worth rep-

SCANDAL

The "Celebrated Scandal" tells in a very gripping, convincing way the story of the terrible effect of gossip and back-biting on the lives of innocent men and women. The "Serpent tongues" of Don Severo and his wife, and the Marquis Alvarez cause death and suffering. But in the end their malicious scandal mongering is triumphantly set at naught by the slow grinding of the "Mills of the Gods." This is a wonderful drama on a theme matchless in power and conviction. Miss Betty Nansen's superb art is at its height in this production which will be shown at the Majestic on next Tuesday night.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

On-to-Denton!

Good roads lead to a good town.

Boost for the Denton-Decatur line.

If you cannot lead the procession of progress, try at least to keep up.

A town is like a perambulator—it isn't much good unless it is pushed.

Don't spend all your time telling what you could do if you had time.

Four Wise county calves brought \$1,200 here this week. A herd of Denton county cattle wouldn't bring that amount of the coin.

The Northwest Texas Press association is to meet in Henrietta sometime in the latter part of August. Betcher-life it will be a royal reception.

The home-builder is always the town-builder. Don't be the man who put sit in city. Building good houses builds a good town.

Those Denton county farmers, just over the line, who are seeking the tip top prices for their wheat and oats, are respectfully invited to come to Delightful Decatur, where wheat and oats have some standing.

Those fellows who emptied ten casks of black bass minnows into Lake Worth "for future sport of members of the lake club members" have the thanks of the disciples of Walton in this neck of the woods who visit West Fork.

The spring poet has been met and decisively defeated, but we fear the unequal contest with the droll reader who invades these sacred precincts and "entertains" with reading aloud. Certainly, we believe in capital punishment!

Senator Joe Bailey is down in South Texas, visiting friends and denying the report he is a candidate for the senate. Mr. Bailey has a big following in Texas, and this following "looks good" to those now aspiring for Calhoun's chair.

The farmer, the factory worker, the digger in the mine; the man who labors and earns his grub by the drippings of his brow—all, are for Tom Campbell for United States senator. This man is the laborer's champion; he is one in the "common herd."

It is stated upon authority that can't be questioned, that the man who said the German army was a myth and wouldn't stand before the trained warriors of the allies, has taken up with the fellow who slugged Billie Patterson.

The fact that Tom Campbell is obnoxious to the haughty landlord who oppresses the tenant and holds to the idea that the "little nestor" should require little here below—yes, the stand of such a man against the Palestine patriot is proof positive that Campbell is the champion of the best interests of the plain people.

Gov. Slaton has commuted Leo M. Frank's sentence of death to life imprisonment. When the news of the governor's action reached the rabble of Georgia there were scenes of riots. The wild-eyed "Crackers" have been camping on Frank's trail night and day since the anti-Jew jury accepted the testimony of a lecherous, boozey black and condemned Frank to death. The Georgians who are prostrated over the action of Gov. Slaton should bath themselves in the limped waters of the state's streams and then take strong purgatives. Repent and come to Texas!

The real "good fellow" is the one who knows something good about everybody and tells it. He never knocks on his neighbor or digs up the past. He always lends a helping hand to the fellow who is up against it and gives him a chance to make good. He never forgets to do and say little things to make his wife happy. His children find him a jolly chum and an ever ready playmate. His home is a heaven of love, happiness and contentment. The real good fellow is the world's greatest asset.

Denton dairymen continue to use wagon delivery, while milk buyers in Delightful Decatur "get their" from sterilized bottles transported in autos.

The senatorial waters are becoming muddled, and before the frost is on the pumpkin the card will carry as many names as appear on the average Mexican "army" payroll. With Colquitt, Brooks, Burgess, Henry, Wortham and Riddle in the running now, and Ferguson, Hudspeth and Ousley anticipating a "call," it is about time for Tom Campbell to announce and clear the field. The Palestine man is the logical candidate of Texans who are progressive and desire to see the imperial state represented in congress by a man who stands for the plain people's best interests.

A. W. Peninger, state fire marshal, R. B. Godley, chief engineer of the state fire insurance board, and Selwin Smith, special inspector, were in Decatur Monday investigating the recent fire which destroyed the Arnesman millinery store. While here these gentlemen inspected the Decatur fire hall, and they stated the hall and fire-fighting apparatus were found in a very unsatisfactory condition. The hose was measured and it was found that the required 1000 feet was not in the hall. Water was found in the hose when it was unrolled, showing it had not been drained when replaced on the rolls. If Decatur is to retain even our present insurance rate, immediate improvements are due as to our fire-fighting apparatus.

The County Exchanges

Work has been resumed on the Paradise oil well after a suspension of several months. A new company sent men to investigate the field. They looked over the country, bored six feet in the well, examined what they found and took over the proposition. They have paid up the back debts of the old company, and work is proceeding as rapidly as drills can bore to the hidden treasure, which no doubt is in this likely field.

The individuals composing the new company are experienced oil men. They believe they have found a rich strike, and they believe it strong enough that they have invested their good cash in the undertaking. One drill is operating, and others may begin soon. They will, if a contemplated deal is made with another company which is thought to be anxious to come in.

An expert oil man has recently been to Paradise for the purpose of examining the prospects of oil, and he said the oil sand found in considerable quantities in the wells is the second best he had ever seen. The Pennsylvania sands are the only ones to exceed it.

The oil company now operating has no stock to sell. R. D. Locke was here Wednesday, and he says stockholders are plentiful who would refuse five times par for their stock.

The company does not promise oil for a certainty in the present well, however, some is expected. But they do hope to locate the oil when this well is seen into. The findings with those of the first well will point out the exact spot for the third and flowing well.—Bridgeport Times.

Marvie Boyd and Dalton Redford are at Waco attending the summer session of Baylor university.—Boyd Index.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Hornsberger, wife of M. O. Hornsberger, died at her home in Chico, Monday morning, June 14.—Chico Review.

Rev. I. V. Stine of Decatur, will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Chico, the fourth Sunday in June.—Chico Review.

Mrs. G. M. Marshall of Chico, underwent a serious operation at the Brasletton sanitarium Monday. She is improving. Mr. Marshall has been here this week.—Bridgeport Times.

Miss Angie McConnell returned home Tuesday from Decatur. She was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Little Birchfield, who will visit her until Monday.—Sunset Signal.

Last Saturday night Jeff Davis, age 83 years, died at the home of Leslie Miller, a short distance from town. The remains were buried in the Sunset cemetery Sunday afternoon.—Sunset Signal.

The North Texas Gas Co. have a crew of about fifty workmen relaying their line through Sandy bottom. They are burying it eight to ten feet deep and setting the joints in concrete.—Alvord News.

Lee Owen of Keeter community, died Thursday, June 10, 1915, and was buried at Cottondale the following afternoon after appropriate services conducted by Rev. E. F. Brown of Boyd.—Boyd Index.

Mrs. Gussie Burton left Tuesday morning for Decatur, Seymour and other parts of the state. She is traveling for Baylor college this summer in the interest of the Students' Loan Fund of that institution.—Bridgeport Times.

Tom C. Porter of A. & M. college, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Porter of Garvin last week, leaving Friday for Wayne, Ill., to study horses on the biggest ranch in the universe. It is the custom of the owner of this ranch each year to have two students from A. & M. his guests for a time, and this time Tom was one of those so honored.—Boyd Index.

The Wise County Odd Fellow and Rebeccah association will be held at Alvord, Tuesday 3, and besides Grand Master E. R. Misner and President Mrs. Amelia Blank, other officers of the Grand Lodge and Assembly are expected to be present and a special session of the Grand Lodge will be held for the purpose of conferring the degree upon those eligible.—Alvord News.

Twenty Years Ago

FROM MESSENGER FILES.

June 21, 1895.—Miss Ethel Cates is visiting friends in Weatherford.

Messrs. F. L. Spencer and Frank J. Ford were admitted to practice law last week, having passed a most creditable examination.

Little Piner Cates was quite sick last week.

During the heavy rain Friday the residence of Judge Johnson was struck by lightning and Mrs. Johnson received a severe shock.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was in the city this week.

In the local option election held in the Paradise school district the anti won by 80 majority.

Charley Jane, colored, was fined \$25 and costs for aggravated assault in the district court.

June 28.—Thad Shaw and Joe Cates went to Weatherford Wednesday night to attend court.

Mack Cates recently furnished the Wise County National bank with an electrical burglar alarm.

Thad Shaw successfully passed the examination before the board of pharmacy last week.

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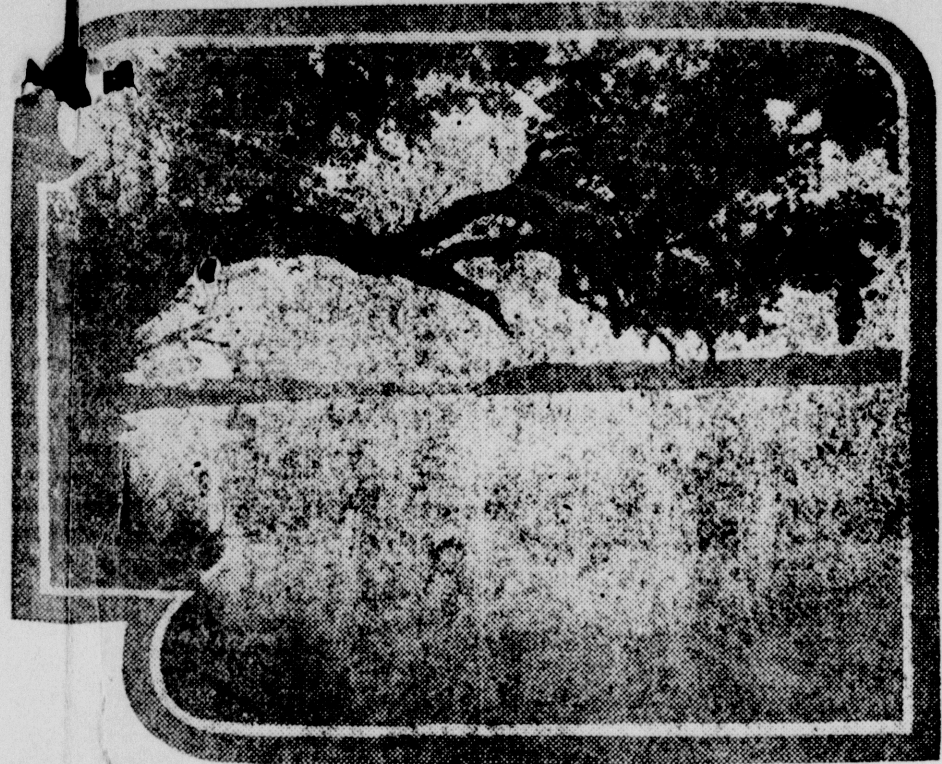
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A VISTA FROM LAKE AUSTIN



From University of Texas property, on south shore.

The completion of the gigantic dam across the Colorado River near Austin, supplies the one thing needed to make ideal the location of the State's greatest institution of learning, the University of Texas. The lake runs back winding among the evergreen hills of Edward's Plateau for 35 miles, offering students who are disposed to take their recreation out-of-doors, such wholesome sports as rowing, fishing, motor-boating, swimming, sailing and so on. A large part of the land bordering the lake near Austin is owned by the University, and the students have erected a boat-house at a convenient place where their canoes, rowing and motor-boats are kept at a nominal charge.

INBREEDING IN EDUCATION

"In round numbers," says a special writer for the San Antonio Express, in a recent issue of that paper, "2,500 students obtain instruction yearly within the walls of the University of Texas. Above 1,000 students go out into the state yearly, a portion with a full university course to their credit, the remainder having done one, two, or three years' work in the institution."

"This heaven of advanced education being mixed and absorbed by the state each year makes incalculably for progress. There is danger of inbreeding in education just as there is danger of inbreeding in people or in cattle."

"Suppose, for a moment, a state without higher institutions of learning to carry on the work in the common schools. Is it clear that education would be reduced to narrow limits?"

high school graduate becomes a teacher in the lower grades, and is eventually promoted to the higher grades and to the high school. The high school then becomes officered and taught by its own graduates who have received no further training. There is no introduction of new thought, no widening of the horizon of knowledge or of methods, no new inspiration, or new ideals, and the machine's original impetus is overcome gradually by natural friction until the thing barely moves at all. It dies down like an unaided pendulum. You have inbreeding in education with all the deformities and weaknesses incident to inbreeding in the animal world.

"The higher educational institution of a state," continues this writer, "are the natural intermediaries between the common schools and the vast world of ideas and inspiration developed by the best thought and the highest paid talent in all the great educational institutions of Christendom. For example, a new and improved method of teaching modern languages is developed in some foreign country. It is the business of the higher educational institutions of a state to secure an exponent of this method direct from Germany for its faculty. This teacher teaches his students in the new method, they, in turn, go out as teachers in the state spreading the new method, and it has permeated the educational system of the state. It is merely an examination, not a new method, new and original new store of knowledge communicated in the state. The point is that the national institution which transmits new and fresh methods and fresh knowledge throughout all of its dependent institutions. It is as important to the vast school system of the state as the switchboard is to the telephone exchange. It is 'central' for the communication of new ideas, new methods, fresh knowledge, waster inspiration."

WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS



Jack G. Grissom

That there is no boy in Texas so poor who, having the ambition, the health and the will, cannot obtain a University education, is demonstrated by J. G. Grissom, whose photograph in reproduction appears above. Mr. Grissom will receive this year two degrees from the University of Texas, the degree of Bachelor of Arts and the degree of Master of Arts. He has earned himself every penny he has spent at the University. But for the munificence of the state in supporting a University it would be impossible for poor boys to secure a University education. Handicap young Grissom, for instance, with a payment of \$200 per year for tuition, and he would be unable to attend the University. The founders of the Republic pointed out this fact, that whereas the rich can send their sons and daughters anywhere, to the East, to Europe, or to the Orient, to secure an education, the children of the poor must depend upon state supported institutions of higher education. Therefore, the University of Texas has been truly called "the poor man's school," since above half of the students within its walls are either in whole or in part self-supporting, and fifty per cent of the remainder would be unable to attend a university that demanded tuition-fees.

Any comprehensive scheme for rural school improvement in Texas must include a provision for the training of teachers to teach black velvet them. Herein is a great service of the University of Texas, which institution alone furnishes above 400 well trained teachers to the common schools of the State.

The University of Texas is the largest institution of learning in the South. It has graduated above 4,000 students, while roll of its ex-students and graduates include the names of 20,000 individuals.

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This is the third shipment during the past month, and if you would avail yourself of the opportunity to purchase at reasonable prices, call and make selections.

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This department of this popular establishment has one of the most beautiful displays of moulding ever brought to Decatur. All work is done by expert workmen, and the price is in keeping with your purse

Fireless Cookers and Blue Blaze Oil Stoves

This is the season which causes you to seek means of lightening the labors of your wife. A hot kitchen and long hours spent in preparing meals over blistering stoves are things of the past when you purchase a Fireless Cooker. Blue Blaze Oil Stoves are labor-savers and economically operated. Call and see the display.

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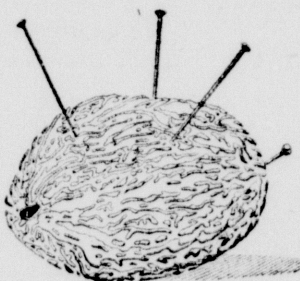
MASONIC BUILDING

DECATUR, TEXAS

Kitty's Advantage.
"Love is like a kitten," gurgled the sweet young thing. "It is born blind."
"Yes, but it only takes a kitten nine days to get its eyes opened," replied the utterly unfeeling brute.—Philadelphia Record.

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Women suffer as much as men do from indigestion and constipation and require the same scientific remedy to keep the stomach sweet, the liver active and the bowels regular. Foley Cathartic Tablets are wholesome and cleansing; do not gripe or cause nausea. Stout people say this is the one cathartic that takes away that over-full and clogged up feeling.



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So you see wherein two tins of perfectly pure nutmeg may differ widely in flavoring value—the one kind being ground from oily nutmegs and the other from nutmegs that could not pass the pin sticking test.

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News of Town and County

Miss Linnie Thompson of Fort Worth, has come to Decatur to reside with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson.

Mrs. Furman Greathouse of Dallas, was hostess to the 42-club at the City Bakery Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments were served.

J. Bavousette and wife of Dallas, were here Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Tiley spent several days with her son in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. H. E. Brady and Grandma Rucker are visiting relatives in Dallas.

T. A. Vandiver returned this week from a month's visit to relatives at Calhoun, Ga.

Rev. E. B. Moore of Goodnight, was here Wednesday.

M. C. Eidson of Fort Worth, is here on a visit.

Little Misses Hortense Robertson and Lura Love Gentry entertained their young friends with birthday parties on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

E. T. Locke and L. W. Clark were here yesterday from Paradise.

Steve Huff of Dallas has been visiting his sister, Mrs. John Deaton.

W. L. Rush and C. E. Martin were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Glen Russell spent Sunday in the city of Rhome.

J. E. Boyd and wife, and Lawrence Boyd of this city, and Geo. Arrington and wife of Boyd, went to Gainesville Tuesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mayor Tom St. Clair and wife were in Mineral Wells this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells, Saturday.

Jas. St. Clair left this week for Chicago, where he goes to attend the summer school in pedagogy in the Chicago university.

W. O. Bailey, H. G. Ward and L. H. McLarty motored to Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. M. D. Sellars is visiting in Shreveport, La.

John Pettus, who is attending T. C. U., spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in the city.

The Epworth League had charge of prayermeeting Wednesday night at the Methodist church and report one hundred present.

Mrs. Patterson of Pilot Point, sister of Mrs. G. A. Lehnhoff, visited here this week.

Mrs. A. L. Thomas and daughters of Ennis, are here visiting the family of W. W. Williams.

Rev. H. D. Heath left Wednesday for Greenville, where he will spend several days working in the interest of Burleson college. He is now dividing his time in the interest of Decatur college and Burleson.

Chas. Q. Barton of Dallas, visited the summer normal here this week.

Mrs. L. E. Monroe of Greenwood, died in a Fort Worth sanitarium last Tuesday as a result of an operation. The remains were shipped to Decatur Wednesday morning and carried to Greenwood for interment.

Superintendent Barton states that there will be no more meetings of the literary societies at the high school after Saturday night of this week until after the next session of school has commenced.

It is the duty of every man who enjoys the splendid sport of fishing to report any fellow that may be seen dynamiting the streams in this county. This practice of "blowing up" fishing holes in West Fork, Sandy and Denton creek, has been a popular pastime of fellows who have little regard for the pleasure of others, and it is up to those who derive pleasure and profit from fishing "in the good old way" to bring the dynamiters into court. The law will do the rest.

A fire alarm was turned in Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock, and the fire company rushed to the Tom W. Brown rent property on South State street and found Mr. Brown burning a pile of weeds.

The children's day at Joe Bailey is postponed until the 4th Sunday in June. Everybody come and bring someone with you. There will be plenty of dinner and a good exercise to interest you.

A. B. Farrington reports that he has shipped about 600 crates of Early Wheeler peaches up to first of this week. More than this amount has been sold from the wagon here in town.

Bridgeport will pull off her big annual picnic July 2 and 3, and that progressive little city does nothing by halves. They have arranged an excellent program for the two days.

Veteran Called to Reward in Ft. Worth

Joseph W. Thompson, age 83, died last Sunday morning at the home of his son, George, in Fort Worth. The remains were brought to Decatur for interment on Monday, funeral services were conducted at the residence of Robert L. Thompson, son of deceased, at 10 o'clock, Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff officiating. The burial services were conducted by the Decatur Masonic lodge.

Mr. Thompson was for many years a resident of Decatur, but for the past several years has resided with his son and daughter in Fort Worth. He was born in Ironton, Ohio, March 2, 1832. He was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Marshall, who died June 19, 1876. Five children were born to this union, three of whom survive their parents, Geo. B. and Miss Linnie of Fort Worth, and Robert L., one of Decatur's highly respected citizens. Mr. Thompson came to Wise county with his children in 1880, and in 1890 moved to Decatur, staying here for about sixteen years. He was an honorable christian gentleman of the old school and was loved by a large number of close friends and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. He had been a consistent member of the Methodist church since childhood, and died the death of the righteous man whose long and active life deserved the reward he now enjoys. At the early age of 21 years Mr. Thompson was made a Mason and has since been a bright and active member of that order.

Judge C. V. Terrell will address the Forward Movement which will convene at Oak Grove church tomorrow, Saturday, night, discussing the four constitutional amendments to be voted on this fall, and other questions in which the people are interested. Besides, there will be a program of good singing, recitations, quartette, etc. Everybody invited to attend.

The Woman's Missionary Society will give an entertainment at the tabernacle next Tuesday night. An interesting program will be rendered and ice cream and cake will be served. The proceeds will go to help pay for new songbooks at the Methodist church.

It is reported that Public Weigher Trussell is contemplating putting in a modern set of public scales. The matter will be taken up by the commissioners' court at its next meeting and Mr. Trussell will be instructed to install the scales.

Manager Blythe announces the coming of "The Celebrated Scandal," a very strong drama by the Fox Co. is to be shown at the Majestic next Tuesday night. Also "The Diamond From the Sky" Monday. This splendid serial is growing in popularity with each episode.

Why throw away that old Stetson or panama hat? Have it cleaned and re-shaped for \$1.00. Why pay more, when you can get it done at home at this price. We are prepared to do any kind of straw or felt hat work and guarantee satisfaction. Smith & Hardwick.

Capt. Bellah, J. H. Mecaskey Dr. Carpenter and J. A. Vandiver joined the Ford list, each purchasing a 1915 model. A Messenger representative took a ride with Jim Mecaskey when he was taking his first lesson in operating his machine. We had a struggle hold on the back seat and no serious results were noticeable when the trip was over.

The recitation of Mrs. C. R. Hill at the entertainment given at the home of Capt. Bellah, complimentary to the summer normal students, was one of the most pleasing features of that evening's enjoyment. The musical numbers were splendid and greatly enjoyed by all those present, but the readings of Mrs. Hill, owing to the great study and work necessary to make one proficient in the art, were peculiarly pleasing to the large crowd. This writer has heard a number of readers, many of them drawing salaries for "thrilling" large audiences, others who were reputed to be great readers, by reason of having diplomas from famous expression institutions in their possession, and still others who desired to be "readers" who interpreted posing and prattle for "power of expression by words," but in our opinion, and we believe we express the opinion of all the people who have had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Hill, she is decidedly one of the most proficient and capable entertainers that has ever appeared before a Decatur audience. Mrs. Hill, before her marriage to one of Decatur's most popular "native sons" was Miss Emerson, of McKinney, a member of one of the most popular families in Collin county, and since coming to Decatur she has drawn about her a host of friends. With Mrs. Hill, and the talented Miss Jewel Ingram and Mrs. S. A. Lillard Jr., Decatur claims three artists in expression.

SLIDELL

J. L. Battle and son, H. P., have been guests of J. P. Turner and family the past week.

John Bryant was called to Huntsville, Ala., Thursday by the death of his brother.

Little Miss Minnie Lee Williams of Decatur, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Andrews.

Walker Patterson of Decatur, was here Saturday on business.

Mr. Crowder of Uvalde, enroute to Oklahoma, stopped off for a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. D. Y. Stem.

J. A. Muckleray of Terrell is spending this week on his farm east of town looking after harvest.

Miss Bess Fletcher of Guymon, Oklahoma, is guest of relatives and friends this week.

Mrs. Hubbard Dillehay of Decatur, is with her mother, Mrs. Fletcher, who is still suffering from a sprained ankle.

The beautiful California bungalow which Mr. Ferguson has been erecting on his tract of land west of town, is nearing completion. We consider this well planned home a credit to Slidell.

Miss Ruth Weston entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Misses Christian and Fletcher with a slumber party. A delicious six o'clock dinner was served, also a midnight lunch.

Miss Alma Christian of Decatur, is visiting relatives and friends this week in Slidell.

Miss Ruth Bryant has been ill from a severely sprained wrist, but is improving.

The wheat is not so good as the farmers expected but the men with the long faces are no more. Tony Meredith has gone down five cents on a shave as a result.

Ballard Powell was in Decatur Sunday.

A Mistake Made by Many

When you suffer pains and aches by day and sleep disturbing bladder weakness by night, feel tired, nervous and run down, the kidneys and bladder should be restored to healthy, strong and regular action. It is a mistake to postpone treatment. Foley Kidney Pills put the kidneys in sound, healthy condition and keep active and strong.

Ice Cream Privilege

The ice cream privilege for the reunion at Joe Wheeler Park on July 21 to 23, will be sold to the highest bidder on Saturday, July 3, at 4 p. m. at court house door. Successful bidder will pay one-half cash down. Reunion Committee.

To Sleep Well in Summer

Slight inflammation of the bronchial tubes causes a distressing cough and makes sleep impossible. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops that annoying tickling and relieves the racking, bring cough. Good for all coughs, colds, croup and bronchial affections.

At the Baptist Church.

There were one hundred and ninety two in Sunday school and good congregations at both hours. The pastor preached at the morning service on "The Christian Race" and at night on "A Three-fold Duty." Interesting special music was had at both services. All services next Sunday as usual. The pastor will preach at both hours. Special music will be provided. You are cordially invited. HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

The bond issue carried with a whoop at Friday's election. The \$7,000 water works improvement and the \$3,000 street improvement issues were favored by a vote of 70 to 5. Just as soon as the money is available work will start and some big improvements in the appearance of Delightful Decatur will be on. The Messenger was heartily in favor of these propositions and we congratulate the progressive citizens in carrying the issues.

Hats cleaned and reblocked—Straw hats, wool and panamas. Smith & Hardwick.

Singing Clubs Will Compete for Prizes.

The singing clubs of Wise county are invited to compete for the following cash prizes at the old settlers' reunion, July 21: \$7.50 first prize for best club singing; \$5.00 for second; \$2.50 for third. We request a generous attendance of the clubs on this occasion. The people enjoy the music and desire to join in making it a great musical treat.

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A noted English wit was at a dinner party in London one evening which lasted much longer than the usual affair of its kind. He was a great smoker, and he was hoping the ladies would withdraw so that he could enjoy his weed. The hours advanced, but the hostess showed no sign of withdrawing. The candles had burned low, and one of them directly in front of the wit began to smoke.

"Oh, please, sir," said the hostess when she noticed the smoking candle, "will you be good enough to put it out?"

"Happy candle," said the famous wit, extinguishing the smoking taper. —New York World.

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Those who do not have to consider expense are now going to health resorts to get rid of impurities in the system that cause rheumatism, backache, aching joints and painful muscles. If you cannot go, yet feel you need relief from pain and misery, get Foley Kidney Pills. They restore the kidneys to activity and make you feel well and strong.

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For men looking for the best and most comfortable work shoe that money will buy, we unhesitatingly recommend the "Soft and Good" as the best at any price. In black or tan leather, soft as a glove, clear oak soles, closed gusset; sizes 6 to 11. All one price at only \$3.50

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No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

John Ray has returned to Alvord. John Rector was reported sick this week.

Miss Dimple Rogers is visiting in Bowie.

D. J. Moss was in Paris on business this week.

Dr. Gentry was here from Alvord Tuesday.

Fly killers 1 cent each at Lillard & Co.

S. A. Lillard, Jr., was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Lon Clark of Paradise, was in town Monday on business.

E. H. Baumgartner is in Arizona looking after some land interests.

Miss Alma Allard visited this week in Dallas.

Red Top cane seed. Collins Grocery Company.

Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ball, was sick this week.

Early June Corn. Collins Gro. Co.

Sheriff Lee Mann was in Fort Worth on business Tuesday.

Miss Ora Moore is visiting relatives in Randlett, Oklahoma.

New South Texas Honey. Collins Grocery Co.

Miss Nevada Atkinson of Hartley, is a guest of E. W. Bass and wife.

Mrs. Mark Rogers is spending several weeks in Wellington.

Large granite water buckets 25 cts at Lillard & Co.

W. B. Evans and family will move to town from the Flatiron ranch.

Mrs. Bavousette and daughters, of Dallas, visited friends here Sunday.

Julian Ward of Rhome, was in the city several days this week.

Editor Council of the Alvord News was in the city Tuesday.

County Attorney and Mrs. Forest Spencer and children, of Quanah, are visiting relatives here.

We will deliver cream day or night. Hill Drug Co.

President Ward returned Monday from a trip through Northwest Texas in the interest of the college.

R. L. Arnold and J. B. Campbell of Paradise, were pleasant callers at this office Monday.

The grand jury re-convened here last Tuesday, having been called back by Judge McKinney.

You always want the best for your money—that's what you get at the Majestic.

Homer Holliday of the Messenger force, was in Dallas on business this week.

More wholesome, aids digestion—the doctors say. Try Graham bread, made from whole wheat flour. At City Bakery, fresh every day.

Emory Gose and wife and Mrs. Roy Gilliland have been visiting in Fort Worth.

Mrs. R. E. Collins leaves today for two-weeks' visit with relatives in Dallas.

Get the habit—Call for mothers' bread, made with milk, at City Bakery.

Mr. Kleberg, brother of Mrs. E. W. Bass, of Galveston, was in the city visiting Tuesday.

County Attorney Burch says City Marshal Lewis did some splendid detective work in the Arensman millinery store fire mystery.

George Brown has released L. D. Arensman as pipe-line walker while Mr. Arensman is looking after his case in court.

Miss Jewel Ingram has returned home from Baylor, where she was graduated with honors from the expression department.

The Methodist Sunday school children's day program was repeated Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A large audience was present.

Don't miss seeing Betty Nansen, the Danish royal actress, in the Wm. Fox masterpiece, "The Celebrated Scandal," at the Majestic Tuesday night.

Why be bothered with the pesky fly, when you can screen your house with wire at 12-3c a square foot, at Lillard & Co?

The grand jury was finally excused Wednesday afternoon by Judge McKinney. They jurors had been in called session since Tuesday morning.

Following is the Alamo society program: Opening address, Clarence Reeves; Reading, May Hoyt; Quiz, Zada Trussel; Locals, Vinetta Reeves; Solo, Ada Allison; Speech, Lawrence Melton; Closing song, society.

E. R. Borum and family have moved to Matador to make their future home. Messenger wishes "Ed-die" success in his new home, and we bespeak for him and his family a warm welcome in Bob Johnson's town.

ECONOMY PRICES IN GROCERIES

Here is a staggering blow to the "high cost of living." We are making very attractive prices on good things to eat, and you will do well to take advantage of them NOW. Here are a few of the many bargains we offer:

Sugar	16 pounds for \$1.00
Dried peaches . . .	16 pounds for 1.00
Dried apples . . .	12 pounds for 1.00
Good coffee	8 pounds for 1.00
12 cans corn for . . .	. 90c
12 cans No. 2 tomatoes . . .	. 90c
12 cans 3-pound hominy . . .	. 90c

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Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—One 3-cylinder Ellsmore auto camp wagon. Phone or see C. L. CHRISTIAN.

FOR SALE—Brand new rubber-tire single buggy, topless; will sell at a bargain. CAREY BATDORFF, at Dallas' store. (81)

FOR RENT—Four rooms, newly finished, over Blankenship store; front and back entrance. C. B. BEARD, 1220 Harley St., Fort Worth.

FOR SALE—A good gas range cook stove; will sell cheap. TOM McCracken. (79-81)

LOST—Between Mrs. Mattie Burton's and Marion Belew's, a black velvet handbag, containing leather coin purse with about \$5 in change. Finder please notify Mrs. Burton, Route 7.

JOHNSTON GRASS Hay For Sale—at L. W. WHORTON'S, barn in Decatur. (72tf)

WANTED—Good second-hand sacks. M. D. SELLARS.

JERSEY BULL—Registered. Will make the season at my wagon yard; season, \$1.00 cash. M. F. SPAIN. 73

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Picnic

An annual picnic worth your while

July 2 and 3

Bridgeport's annual picnic will be staged. Grounds shady and convenient, 2 blocks from town. Free ice water on ground all hours both days.

FREE GARAGE!

The Bridgeport garage will care for your car while in town free of charge. Leave it where it will be safe from sun and curious hands.

Con. R. L. Henry SPEAKS

Hon. R. L. Henry will speak in behalf of his candidacy for the senate. He is the congressman who tried to make cotton worth 10c.

Singing Class CONTEST

The singing classes of Wise county will contest for cash prizes, \$10, \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50. It's a long way between treats like these.

Democrat-Socialist DEBATE

A. W. Young, democrat, and S. O. Clark, socialist, will stage a free debate at the picnic. If you like something racy, you won't miss this.

B'port

Other attractions too numerous to mention.

CAKES FOR AFTERNOON TEA

Most Welcome Additions to Functions That is Every Day Becoming More Popular.

Hot buttered currant cakes have become an essential to the properly served afternoon tea. Some say the custom is of French origin, but England holds out that it is strictly British, in that the currant cakes are typical of Yorkshire and Cumberland where the best of them are made. To serve the cake hot it is split and placed upon a grill, warmed quite through and then well buttered. Here is a recipe that will reflect credit on any one who follows it accurately:

Cumberland Hot Cakes—One pound of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, four ounces of clotted cream six ounces currants, two tablespoonfuls castor sugar, one ounce finely shredded lemon peel, a grate of nutmeg, one egg, a little milk and a pinch of salt.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and sugar. Add the salt and nutmeg. Rub the cream well in. Add the currants and lemon peel and mix thoroughly. Beat the egg in a little milk, and with it work the other ingredients to a fairly stiff paste. Roll out, cut into oblong cakes, bake on a griddle or buttered baking sheet, split open, butter lightly, place together as before and serve hot from the griddle, piling them neatly upon a doily-covered plate.

GOOD WAYS TO SERVE RICE

Something Different From the Ordinary Methods, and All Well Worth a Trial.

(1) Take two cupfuls of cold rice; butter a baking dish, arrange in the bottom a layer of rice, then a layer of grated cheese. Continue until the dish is nearly full, with cheese on top. Pour over this enough milk to cover well, sprinkle the top with pepper and salt and dot with little pieces of butter. Bake in a quick oven twenty minutes.

(2) In a fry pan brown one cupful of finely chopped beef in one tablespoonful of melted butter; to this add one cupful of tomatoes that have been put through a sieve. Then add two cupfuls of cold rice, season highly with salt and pepper and serve very hot.

(3) One cupful of cold rice, one cupful of finely chopped beef or ham. Salt and pepper to taste. Beat one egg and add to it one tablespoonful of milk. Pour this over the meat and rice to bind them together. If too dry, add a little milk. Dip out a spoonful of the mixture at a time, roll in cracker crumbs and fry in enough lard and butter mixed to crisp on both sides.

Dried Beef With Macaroni.

Break macaroni in one-inch pieces; there should be three-fourths cupful. Cook in boiling salted water until soft, drain in colander and pour over one quart cold water to prevent pieces from adhering. Remove skin from one-fourth pound of thinly sliced smoked dried beef and separate in pieces, cover with hot water and let stand ten minutes, then drain and arrange alternate layers of macaroni and beef in a buttered baking dish, having two of each. Pour over two cupfuls white sauce, cover with three-fourths cupful buttered cracker crumbs, and bake in hot oven until crumbs are brown. You could also soak as above, then frizzle in a tablespoonful of butter, and add to poached eggs.

Beans for Two.

Soak two cupfuls of California pea beans in two quarts of water, say, the night before using. Next morning have your beanpot ready; first put into the bottom half teaspoonful of mustard and a big tablespoonful of molasses. If you like brown sugar better, why use that instead and slice of onion if liked. Pour your beans into the pot, fill up with warm water, then add your quarter of a pound to three-quarters of salt pork. Cover over and set in oven for six hours. You will have to look at them once in a while to see if water has given out.

Butcher Makes Customers Believe Rival is Unfair in Selling Fowl With Legs Cut Off.

Speaking of the unsophisticated the other night, Congressman Robert L. Henry of Texas related how a young wife went to a butcher shop to buy a turkey.

The price named for the bird, the congressman said, was 26 cents a pound, whereas the young wife hesitated.

"Isn't 26 cents rather high?" she timidly queried. "If I remember rightly, the price across the way is 23 cents."

"With the feet on I suppose," was the quick response of the butcher.

"No," hesitatingly returned the customer. "I think the feet were cut off."

"That's just what I thought!" was the confident declaration of the butcher, as he began to wring up the bird. "When we sell a turkey, madam, we sell feet and all!"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Rapid Thinker.

"Dableigh seems to have an answer ready for everybody."

"I'm sorry to say he had one ready for me this morning."

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BLACK CREEK

Everybody has been busy this week in the field. Cotton is looking very well considering the wet weather.

The berry crop almost gathered.

Mrs. Sallie Stevens has returned from a visit with the family of Frank Roll, near Bridgeport.

Mack Dooley has returned from Iowa and reports heavy rains in the

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The young people of this community attended an ice cream supper at the home of Mrs. Allen Friday night.

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